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**BY FACSIMILE**

Ms. Alva E. Smith  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

**Re: MUR 5390**

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am writing in follow up to our conversation this morning regarding my request for a short additional extension of time in which to file a response in MUR 5390. As I indicated, I represent Galileo, and would like an additional few days in which to file a response. Ideally, the response due on December 12th, though if the Commission will only grant until December 11, then I will accept it.

The extension is necessitated by the intervening holiday, the need to investigate the facts of this matter and, most importantly, counsel's schedule in handling a number of other matters before the Commission that are subject to statutory deadlines. In particular, the Commission has scheduled the consideration of a number of advisory opinions for next week. Two of these were filed by me and have required additional information, comment, and the granting of additional time to the Commission. Unfortunately, when combined with the other factors, it has also disrupted my schedule and has made this request necessary. Furthermore, the Commission has recently acted on a large number of pending MURs, which also require my attention.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Marc E. Elias

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